

**PARMA MUNICIPAL COURT  
PARMA, OHIO**

**JUDGE/MAGISTRATE**

**CASE NO:**

**ORDER**

**SEALING AFFIDAVIT AND  
SEARCH WARRANT**

**IN THE MATTER OF AFFIDAVIT AND SEARCH WARRANT:**

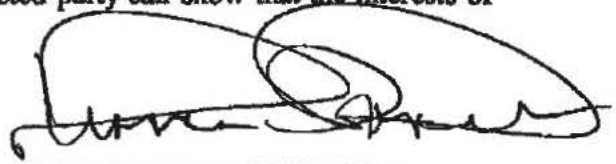
The Court finds that Detective Thomas Connor, Badge No. 764 of the Parma Police Department has received a Search Warrant, to be served upon 1812 Wexford Ave. Parma, Ohio.

The Court finds that evidence seized pursuant to said Search Warrant will be used in the investigation and prosecution of criminal violations of State Laws.

The Court further finds that the information contained in the Affidavit are of such nature that disclosure will endanger witnesses and hinder the investigation and prosecution.

THEREFORE, it is the ORDER of this Court that the Affidavit and Search Warrant tendered in support of the Search Warrant not be issued to any person except the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's office and the City of Parma Prosecutor's office. This Affidavit and Search Warrant shall be so sealed and issuance of copies so prohibited until such time that by petition to the Court an interested party can show that the interests of Justice require the change of this Order.

DATE: 3.29.18



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PLAINTIFF'S  
EXHIBIT

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## SEARCH WARRANT RETURN

I received the attached Search Warrant on 3-25-16 and have executed it as follows: On 3-25-16 at 1:46 PM I searched:

       the person   X   the premises        the property as described in the warrant

and I left a copy of the warrant with: Andrew Kozelka  
together with a receipt for the items seized.  
(person searched - or owner of place of search - or on premises)

### SEE INVENTORY LIST ATTACHED MARKED EXHIBIT B

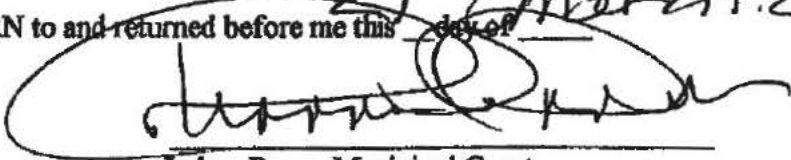
This inventory was made in the presence of Det. Scott Traxler

I swear that this inventory is a true and detailed account of all the property taken by me on the warrant.

Signed

  
Det. Thomas Connor #764

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to and returned before me this 25 day of March, 2016

  
Judge, Parma Municipal Court  
Parma, Ohio

### JOURNAL ENTRY

On this the        day of February, 2016, and upon the receipt of the within Search Warrant, it is hereby ordered and decreed that the above described property be held by the Prosecuting Attorney for Cuyahoga County, Ohio until disposed of and dealt with according to law.

  
Judge, Parma Municipal Court  
Parma, Ohio

STATE OF OHIO

CITY OF PARMA

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PARMA MUNICIPAL COURT  
CRIMINAL DIVISION

SEARCH WARRANT

**To: THE CHIEF OF POLICE PARMA POLICE DEPARTMENT, DETECTIVE THOMAS CONNOR OF THE PARMA POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND ANY OFFICERS AS AUTHORIZED.**

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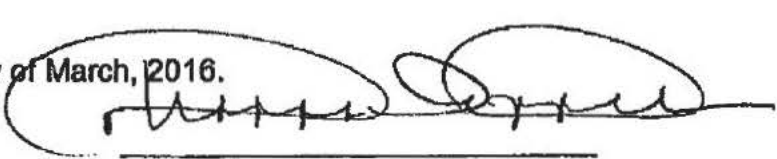
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**THEREFORE:** You are hereby commanded in the name of the City of Parma, State of Ohio, with the necessary and proper assistance, to serve this warrant and search forthwith for the evidence specified, within a reasonable time thereafter in the day season, and if the property or any part thereof be found there, you are commanded to seize it, leaving a copy of this warrant and a receipt for the property taken, to prepare a written inventory of the property seized, to return this warrant to the undersigned or any Judge of the Parma Municipal Court, Parma, Ohio, and to bring the property found on such search forthwith before said Judge, or some other judge or magistrate of the court having cognizance thereof.

Given my hand this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.

  
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Judge, Parma Municipal Court  
Parma, Ohio

**EXHIBIT A**

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1. Affiant, Thomas Connor is a detective with the Parma Police Department, and has been assigned to the detective bureau for 16 years and 5 months. Affiant has investigated hundreds of felony cases and has been a certified peace officer in the State of Ohio for over 19 years.
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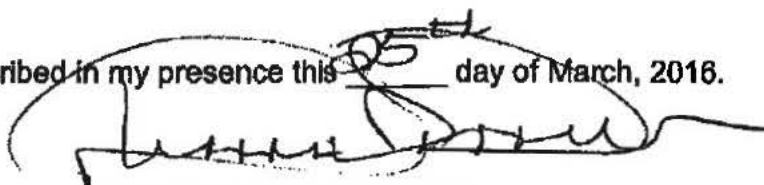
### CONCLUSION

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FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

  
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Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.

  
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Judge, Parma Municipal Court  
Parma, Ohio



# PARMA POL. DEPARTMENT

## SEARCH WARRANT INVENTORY LIST

CASE # 16 007  
PAGE NUMBER 1 OF 1

NAME ANTHONY NOVAK DATE OF WARRANT 03-25-16 TYPE OF WARRANT SEARCH  
ADDRESS 1812 WEXFORD AVE DATE/TIME ENTERED 03-25-16 @ 1346  
CITY/PHONE PARMA DATE/TIME EXITED 03-25-16 @ 1431

ITEM #	ITEMS FOUND	LOCATION FOUND	FINDER/S
1	WESTERN DIGITAL HARD DRIVE WCAU4A191077 w/POWER CORD	LIVING ROOM	743
2	WESTERN DIGITAL HARD DRIVE WCAU4D207707	LIVING ROOM	743
3	TOSHIBA LAPTOP Z867866682014	LIVING ROOM	743
4	PLAY STATION 4 w/POWER CORD MEX71319012	LIVING ROOM	743
5	XBOX 360 w/POWER CORD 909129681405	LIVING ROOM	743
6	SAMSUNG GALAXY S5 CELLPHONE	BAR TOP (DINING ROOM)	764
7	KYOCERA CELLPHONE (AT&T)	<sup>ST</sup> BATHROOM	764
8	ARCHOS 10.69 TABLET IC#5511A-9100	BATHROOM	764
9	BOX CONTAINING CONDOMS & TWO JUVENILE DRIVES	SOUTHEAST BEDROOM	737
10	TOSHIBA LAPTOP w/POWER CORD 6B257411K	NORTHEAST BEDROOM	745

INVENTORY OFFICER TRAXLER 719 WITNESS Det. Traxler #719 RECEIVED BY Ann [Signature]



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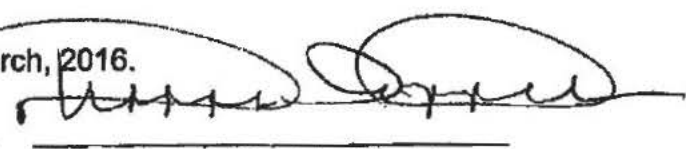
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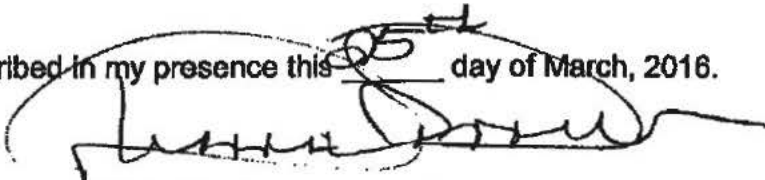
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